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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, June 29, 2013
4:03 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 DENNIS DUNNE,
Chairman5 DONALD MACKENZIE,
Vice Chairman

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VINCENT MUSCARELLA

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DENISE FORD

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9 LAURA CURRAN,
Ranking

10 KEVAN ABRAHAMS

11 SIELA A. BYNOE

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG STEPHANOFF, Sergeant,
Nassau County Police Department.....5

EDWARD SHANK,
Nassau County Probation Department.....8

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Will the members
3 of the Public Safety Committee please take
4 their seats? I'm going to call the Public
5 Safety Committee to order. I will act as
6 the clerk and call the roll. Legislator
7 Bynoe?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Kevan
10 Abrahams?

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Ranking Member
13 Legislator Curran?

14 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
16 Denise Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
19 Vincent Muscarella?

20 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Vice Chairman
22 Donald MacKenzie?

23 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And myself, we
25 have a quorum.

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2 We are going to do the two police
3 items together, so Items 236-15, and 251-16.
4 They're both ordinances supplemental to the
5 annual appropriations ordinance in
6 connection with the Police Department. May
7 I have a motion, please?

8 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
11 Vincent Muscarella, seconded by Donald
12 MacKenzie. We have Sergeant Stephanoff.

13 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good
14 afternoon. Sergeant Greg Stephanoff from
15 the Police. Item 236-15 is to supplement a
16 grant from New York State Division of
17 Criminal Justice for \$250,000. This is
18 going to be a heroin task force legislative
19 initiative and the money is going to be used
20 for intelligence analysts, Bureau of Special
21 Operations for rapid response teams.

22 Our community affairs are going
23 to conduct educational awareness
24 presentations, and there's going to be money
25 for drug drop off for the public. And, in

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2 addition, funding is provided for Narcan
3 kits if we need them for the department.

4 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
5 from any of legislators on that first item
6 on 236-15?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Is there any public comment?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 All those in favor indicate by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any against?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Passes on to Finance.

16 The second part of that was Item
17 251.

18 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Item 251 is
19 the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Grant.
20 It's \$404,500. The money is going to be
21 used for intelligence gathering. This is
22 going to be a partnership with probation,
23 the DA's Office, and the Sheriff. This is
24 for street level enforcement and to focus on
25 reducing gun violence in the targeted

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2 communities. This is also, if you want,
3 this is a probation grant also. The total
4 of the grant is \$1,026,707 to be split with
5 different agencies. The Police Department
6 is receiving \$404,000.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Let the record
8 show that Legislator Bynoe has joined us.

9 Are there questions from any of
10 the legislators on this? Siela Bynoe.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Hi. Good
12 afternoon. Could you possibly give me an
13 example of what type of event would be held
14 using this type of funding?

15 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: This
16 funding is going to be used for extra street
17 level enforcement to focus in areas. It's
18 going to be used in relationship with
19 intelligence, intelligence led policing, to
20 focus on areas to reduce gun violence. So
21 they're going to put out extra patrols.
22 That's the type of enforcement that we are
23 going to do.

24 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other
25 questions from any other legislators?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Is there any public comment?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 There being none, all those in
6 favor indicate by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any against?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 So passes and goes on to Finance.

11 The last item to come before this
12 legislature, Item 243-15, an ordinance
13 supplemental to the annual appropriations
14 ordinance in connection with the Probation
15 Department. Motion, please.

16 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
19 MacKenzie, seconded by Muscarella.

20 MR. SHANK: Thank you. This is
21 also, as was just mentioned, part of the
22 overall give grant. This is for the
23 Probation Department. It's \$204,342. This
24 will fund two probation field intelligence
25 officers at 50 percent, one probation

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2 supervisor at 25 percent, partial fringe,
3 overtime for Hot Shot Program at \$50,000, an
4 investigative social media tool, and
5 training.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
7 from any of the legislators?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Is there any public comment?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 There being none, all those in
12 favor indicate by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any against?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 So ruled. It passes and moves on
17 to Finance. Thank you, Mr. Shank. There
18 being nothing else to come before this
19 committee, motion to adjourn.

20 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

21 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
23 Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator
24 Ford. All those in favor indicate by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 Any against?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 We are adjourned. The next
6 committee up is the Planning Committee.

7 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
8 Committee adjourned at 4:09 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 13th day of July, 2015.

FRANK GRAY